



Director Honors Family of Fallen Soldier

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Director Joey Strickland presents the parents of Army Corporal Charles P. Gaffney Jr. with an Arizona flag flown over the state capitol in honor of their son. Corporal Gaffney, assigned to Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) was killed when his combat outpost came under enemy attack in Patkia, Afghanistan on December 24, 2008.

The 42 year old father of two from Tucson reentered the Army in August of 2006. He told friends he was "doing it for the women of Afghanistan" so they could have the same rights as American women. Corporal Gaffney originally joined the Army in the mid-1980s and spent six years in service, mostly in Germany. Prior to being assigned to Afghanistan, Corporal Gaffney spent a year in Iraq. He is being buried at Arlington National Cemetery.